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WISCONSIN ECONOMIC INDICATORS

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WISCONSIN DATA AND SOURCES

INDICATOR	SOURCE
L1 Composite Index of Leading Indicators	Wis. Dept. of Industry, Labor and Human Relations
L2 Average Work Week, Manufacturing	Wis. Dept. of Industry, Labor and Human Relations
L3 Average Overtime Hours, Mfg.	Wis. Dept. of Industry, Labor and Human Relations
L4 Average Weekly Initial Claims	Wis. Dept. of Industry, Labor and Human Relations
L5 Total Job Openings Received	Wis. Dept. of Industry, Labor and Human Relations
L6 New Business Incorporations	Wisconsin Secretary of State
L7 Net Gain in Business Phone Access Lines	Wis. Telephone Co. and General Telephone Co.
L8 Building Plans Examined	Wis. Dept. of Industry, Labor and Human Relations
C1 Help-Wanted Advertising index (Milw.)	National Industrial Conference Board
C2 Total Unemployment Rate	Wis. Dept. of Industry, Labor and Human Relations
C3 Natural Gas Sales	Wisconsin Public Service Commission
C4 New Car Registrations	Wis. Department of Transportation
C5 Electric Power Sales	Wisconsin Public Service Commission
C6 Total Securities Registrations	Wisconsin Commissioner of Securities
C7 Manufacturing Employment	Wis. Dept. of Industry, Labor and Human Relations
C8 Average Weekly Earnings, Mfg.	Wis. Dept. of Industry, Labor and Human Relations
C9 Cash Receipts From Farm Marketing	U.S. Department of Agriculture
C10 Contract Construction Employment	Wis. Dept. of Industry, Labor and Human Relations
X1 Birth Registrations	Wis. Department of Health and Social Services
X2 Death Registrations	Wis. Department of Health and Social Services
X3 Natural Net Gain in Population	Wis. Department of Health and Social Services
X4 Marriage Registrations	Wis. Department of Health and Social Services
X5 Consumer Price Index (Milwaukee)	U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics
X6 Index of Prices Received By Farmers	Wisconsin Department of Agriculture
X7 Net Gain in Residential Phone Access Lines	Wis. Telephone Co. and General Telephone Co.
X8 Labor Disputes, No. of Workers	Wis. Dept. of Industry, Labor and Human Relations
X9 Unemployment Compensation Exhaustees	Wis. Dept. of Industry, Labor and Human Relations

NOTES: Selected series are seasonally adjusted by the Bureau of the Census X-11 Variant of the Census Method II Seasonal Adjustment Program. The adjusted data are plotted on arithmetic scales.

SECTION A is a summary of recent data and current changes for all indicators and is presented in chart form. The indicators are presented with cyclical timing as the principle basis of classification.

SECTION B is a summary of Wisconsin Labor Force Estimates, including Employment, Unemployment and Unemployment Rates, and selected U.S. data.

SECTION C analyzes the Wisconsin labor force by industry and by specified Standard Metropolitan Statistical Areas.

SECTION D singles out certain economic time series as being leading or coinciding in relation to movements in aggregate economic activity. They are seasonally adjusted and presented graphically. The indicators are grouped by cyclical timing.

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SUMMARY FOR MARCH

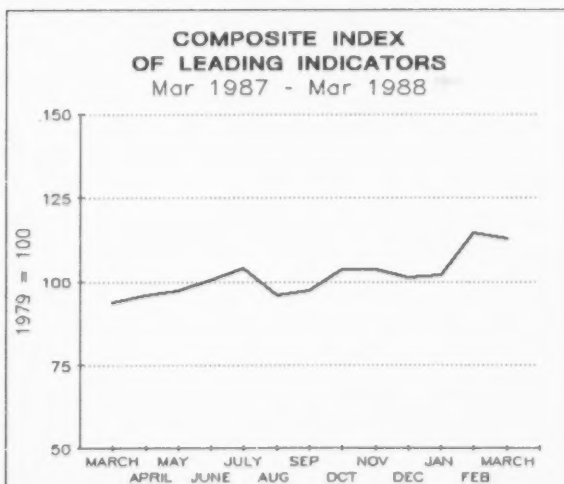
COMPOSITE INDEX

Wisconsin's Composite Index of leading economic indicators decreased in March by one and a half percentage points. The mild decline is from a month-ago figure that is the highest since 1979, thus, the index for March is still high.

Trends of the March leading indicators are mixed--some point up; some, down. One month's data, however, is not enough to signal a major change in the general economic trend.

Contributing most to the index decrease was a decrease in the average weekly overtime in manufacturing.

Also significant in the decrease was the change in the average number of initial claims for unemployment compensation. While the claims did decrease, the decrease is less than the normal seasonal trend for March.



LEADING INDICATORS

Production workers in the state's manufacturing industries spent less time on the job in March. The average workweek slipped by one-tenth of an hour. While that is slight, the workweek in March normally increases.

The shorter workweek results from a two-tenths of an hour reduction in the average weekly overtime hours.

Though the hours worked shrank, the number employed in manufacturing grew by sixteen hundred workers. The employment growth slightly overshadowed the reduction in hours, so that the total labor input into manufacturing grew slightly.

Average weekly initial claims for unemployment compensation decreased by over two hundred, but that is about two hundred less than normal for March.

The number of job openings received by Job Service offices throughout the state increased by nearly two thousand. About thirteen percent of the increase is above the usual March trend.

Both the number of new business incorporations and the net gain of business telephone access lines increased this month at above the seasonal pace. And, the number of building plans examined increased, but at a slightly less than normal pattern.

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WISCONSIN ECONOMIC INDICATORS

INDICATOR	UNIT	MONTHLY SERIES			% CHANGE		AVG.	
		Latest Month	Mo. Ago	Yr. Ago	Mo/Ago	Yr/Ago	1987	
LEADING INDICATORS								
L1 COMPOSITE INDEX OF LEADING INDICATORS								
Seasonally Adjusted	Index	MAR	112.6	114.1	93.6	-1.3%	20.3%	97.9
L2 AVG. WORK WEEK, MFG.								
Unadjusted	Hours	MAR	41.5	41.6	41.2	-0.2%	0.7%	41.4
Seasonally Adjusted			41.6	41.8	41.3	-0.5%	0.7%	
L3 AVG. OVERTIME HOURS, MFG.								
Unadjusted	Hours	MAR	3.9	4.1	3.6	-4.9%	8.3%	3.9
Seasonally Adjusted			4.1	4.3	3.8	-4.7%	7.9%	
L4 AVG. WEEKLY INITIAL CLAIMS								
Unadjusted	Number	MAR	6579	6794	7958	-3.2%	-17.3%	7601
Seasonally Adjusted			6762	6577	8181	2.8%	-17.3%	
L5 TOTAL JOB OPENINGS RECEIVED								
Unadjusted	Number	MAR	7807	5865	7479	33.1%	4.4%	7774
Seasonally Adjusted			8332	8067	8003	3.3%	4.1%	
L6 NEW BUSINESS INCORPORATIONS								
Unadjusted	Number	MAR	683	547	564	24.9%	21.1%	546
Seasonally Adjusted			672	595	555	12.9%	21.1%	
L7 NET GAIN IN BUSINESS TELEPHONE ACCESS LINES								
Unadjusted	Number	MAR	2801	2489	2354	12.5%	19.0%	1921
Seasonally Adjusted			2821	2817	1425	0.1%	98.0%	
L8 BUILDING PLANS EXAMINED								
Unadjusted	Number	MAR	527	418	491	26.1%	7.3%	622
Seasonally Adjusted			637	648	593	-1.7%	7.4%	
COINCIDING INDICATORS								
C1 HELP-WANTED INDEX (MILW.)								
Seasonally Adjusted	Index	FEB	96	106	76	-9.4%	26.3%	78
C2 UNEMPLOYMENT RATE, TOTAL								
Unadjusted	Percent	MAR	6.2	6.8	7.8	.....	.....	6.1
Seasonally Adjusted			5.1	5.5	6.5	.....	.....	
C3 NATURAL GAS SALES								
Unadjusted	Mil.	JAN	410.1	294.4	344.3	39.3%	19.1%	169.0
Seasonally Adjusted	Therms		211.5	170.9	177.5	23.8%	19.2%	
C4 NEW CAR REGISTRATIONS								
Unadjusted	Number	MAR	15,946	13,326	12,708	19.7%	25.5%	14,261
Seasonally Adjusted			19,044	16,872	15,169	12.9%	25.5%	
C5 ELECTRIC POWER SALES								
Unadjusted	Mil. KWH	JAN	2304.1	2046.5	1958.3	12.6%	17.7%	2068.8
Seasonally Adjusted			2311.0	2077.5	1964.2	11.2%	17.7%	
C6 TOTAL SECURITIES REGISTRATIONS								
Unadjusted	Mil. Dol.	MAR	164.1	113.0	82.1	45.2%	99.9%	120.4
Seasonally Adjusted			168.7	80.0	84.3	110.9%	100.1%	

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INDICATOR	UNIT	MONTHLY SERIES			% CHANGE		AVG.
		Latest Month	Mo. Ago	Yr. Ago	Mo/Ago	Yr/Ago	1987
C7 MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT							
Unadjusted	Thous.	MAR	534.9	533.3	513.0	0.3%| 4.3%	526.8
Seasonally Adjusted			545.3	545.9	522.7	-0.1%| 4.3%	
C8 AVG. WEEKLY EARNINGS, MFG.							
Unadjusted	Dollars	MAR	\$441.56	\$444.29	\$435.90	-0.6%| 1.3%	\$436.88
Seasonally Adjusted			\$438.93	\$442.96	\$433.35	-0.9%| 1.3%	
C9 CASH RECEIPTS FROM FARM MKTG.							
Unadjusted	Mil. Dol.	DEC	439.6	515.4	477.1	-14.7%| -7.9%	433.1
Seasonally Adjusted			403.8	451.1	439.2	-10.5%| -8.1%	
C10 CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION EMPL.							
Unadjusted	Thous.	MAR	61.8	60.0	58.6	3.0%| 5.5%	67.4
Seasonally Adjusted			77.0	76.2	73.0	1.0%| 5.5%	
OTHER KEY INDICATORS							
X1 BIRTH REGISTRATIONS							
Unadjusted	Number	MAR	5994	5848	6396	2.5%| -6.3%	5892
Seasonally Adjusted			5964	6586	6366	-9.4%| -6.3%	
X2 DEATH REGISTRATIONS							
Unadjusted	Number	MAR	3812	4067	3807	-6.3%| 0.1%	3528
Seasonally Adjusted			3613	4075	3608	-11.3%| 0.1%	
X3 NATURAL NET GAIN POPULATION							
Unadjusted	Number	MAR	2182	1781	2590	22.5%| -15.8%	2364
Seasonally Adjusted			2324	2272	2759	2.3%| -15.8%	
X4 MARRIAGE REGISTRATIONS							
Unadjusted	Number	MAR	1785	1613	1746	10.7%| 2.2%	3173
Seasonally Adjusted			3473	3305	3400	5.1%| 2.1%	
X5 CONSUMER PRICE INDEX				(Jun '87)	(Nov '87)		
Unadjusted	Index	DEC	349.2	340.0	330.7	2.7%| 5.6%	
X6 PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS							
Unadjusted	Index	MAR	130	131	131	-0.8%| -0.8%	134
Seasonally Adjusted			129	130	130	-0.8%| -0.8%	
X7 NET GAIN IN RESIDENTIAL TELEPHONE ACCESS LINES							
Unadjusted	Number	MAR	1743	54	503	3127.8%| 246.5%	1750
Seasonally Adjusted			1818	2066	1492	-12.0%| 21.8%	
X8 LABOR DISPUTES, NO. OF WORKERS							
Unadjusted	Number	MAR	11	11	1240	0.0%| -99.1%	538
Seasonally Adjusted			81	16	9091	406.3%| -99.1%	
X9 UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION EXHAUSTEES							
Unadjusted	Number	MAR	15,598	14,864	21,022	4.9% -25.8%	18560
Seasonally Adjusted			15,708	15,729	21,166	-0.1% -25.8%	

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LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

WISCONSIN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES MARCH	(In Thousands)			% CHANGE	
	Latest Mo.	Mo. Ago	Yr. Ago	Mo/Ago	Yr/Ago
Unadjusted					
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	2462.9	2455.8	2445.1	0.3%	0.7%
Employment (incl. Labor Disputes)	2310.4	2288.9	2254.4	0.9%	2.5%
Unemployment	152.5	166.9	190.7	-8.6%	-20.0%
Unemployment Rate	6.2	6.8	7.8	.....	.....
Seasonally Adjusted					
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	2521.0	2511.9	2494.6	0.4%	1.1%
Employment (incl. Labor Disputes)	2391.7	2374.4	2333.0	0.7%	2.5%
Unemployment	129.2	137.5	161.6	-6.0%	-20.0%
Unemployment Rate	5.1	5.5	6.5	.....	.....

WISCONSIN EMPLOYMENT ESTIMATES MARCH	(In Thousands)			% CHANGE	
	Latest Mo.	Mo. Ago	Yr. Ago	Mo/Ago	Yr/Ago
Unadjusted					
TOTAL NONFARM WAGE AND SALARY WORKERS	2091.3	2084.3	2027.3	0.3%	3.2%
Manufacturing	534.9	533.3	512.0	0.3%	4.5%
Mining	1.6	1.4	1.5	14.3%	6.7%
Contract Construction	61.8	60.0	58.6	3.0%	5.5%
Transportation and Public Utilities	94.3	93.8	91.9	0.5%	2.6%
Electric, Gas and Sanitary Services	17.4	17.4	17.4	0.0%	0.0%
Wholesale Trade	109.3	108.3	102.8	0.9%	6.3%
Retail Trade	381.9	381.7	370.7	0.1%	3.0%
General Merchandise	48.4	48.9	46.9	-1.0%	3.2%
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	112.4	112.3	110.4	0.1%	1.8%
Banking	27.9	27.9	27.3	0.0%	2.2%
Insurance	38.4	38.3	37.2	0.3%	3.2%
Service and Miscellaneous	459.0	458.5	444.1	0.1%	3.4%
Hospitals	70.1	69.8	67.5	0.4%	3.9%
Private Education	26.9	27.0	26.4	-0.4%	1.9%
Government	336.2	335.0	335.3	0.4%	0.3%
State Government	84.0	83.9	85.8	0.1%	-2.1%
Local Government	223.4	222.5	220.8	0.4%	1.2%

UNITED STATES LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES MARCH	(In Thousands)			% CHANGE	
	Latest Mo.	Mo. Ago	Yr. Ago	Mo/Ago	Yr/Ago
Seasonally Adjusted					
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	120,904	121,347	119,246	-0.4%	1.4%
Employment (incl. Labor Disputes)	114,103	114,409	111,455	-0.3%	2.4%
Unemployment	6,801	6,938	7,791	-2.0%	-12.7%
Unemployment Rate	5.6%	5.7%	6.5%		

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MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT Unadjusted MARCH	(In Thousands)			% CHANGE	
	Latest Mo.	Mo. Ago	Yr. Ago	Mo/Ago	Yr/Ago
All Manufacturing (Incl. Canning)	534.9	533.3	512.0	0.3%	4.5%
All Manufacturing (Excl. Canning)	527.5	525.8	503.8	0.3%	4.7%
Durable Goods	332.1	330.8	314.8	0.4%	5.5%
Lumber and Wood Products (Excl. Furniture)	26.3	26.1	24.9	0.8%	5.6%
Furniture and Fixtures	11.4	11.4	10.8	0.0%	5.6%
Stone, Clay, and Glass Products	8.5	8.4	7.6	1.2%	11.8%
Primary Metal Industries	21.1	21.1	19.4	0.0%	8.8%
Iron and Steel Foundries	10.9	10.8	9.6	0.9%	13.5%
Fabricated Metal Products	55.3	55.1	52.3	0.4%	5.7%
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	13.3	13.3	12.3	0.0%	8.1%
Metal Stampings	11.1	11.1	10.9	0.0%	1.8%
Machinery (Excl. Electrical)	108.5	107.4	100.3	1.0%	8.2%
Engines and Turbines	20.9	20.7	19.6	1.0%	6.6%
Farm Machinery and Equipment	13.4	13.3	11.9	0.8%	12.6%
Constr., Mining, Material Handling Machinery	11.1	10.8	10.1	2.8%	9.9%
Metalworking Machinery and Equipment	11.5	11.5	11.4	0.0%	0.9%
Special Ind. Mach., Excl. Metalworking	13.8	13.6	12.4	1.5%	11.3%
Gen. Industrial Mach. and Equip.	14.8	14.7	13.6	0.7%	8.8%
Electrical Machinery, Equip. and Supplies	47.3	47.3	46.4	0.0%	1.9%
Electrical Industrial Apparatus	15.5	15.7	15.4	-1.3%	0.6%
Transportation Equipment	32.2	32.7	32.7	-1.5%	-1.5%
Motor Vehicles and Equipment	25.2	25.9	25.1	-2.7%	0.4%
Instrument and Related Products	12.2	12.3	11.6	-0.8%	5.2%
Miscellaneous Manufacturing	9.3	9.1	8.7	2.2%	6.9%
Nondurable Goods	202.8	202.5	197.2	0.1%	2.8%
Food and Kindred Products	57.5	57.5	56.8	0.0%	1.2%
Meat Products	14.6	14.5	14.0	0.7%	4.3%
Dairy Products	17.2	17.2	16.5	0.0%	4.2%
Canning and Preserving	7.4	7.6	8.2	-2.6%	-9.8%
Bakery Products	4.4	4.2	4.1	4.8%	7.3%
Beverage Industries	7.1	7.3	7.2	-2.7%	-1.4%
Textile Mill Products	4.5	4.4	3.8	2.3%	18.4%
Apparel and Other Finished Products	6.9	6.9	6.9	0.0%	0.0%
Paper and Allied Products	47.5	47.5	47.9	0.0%	-0.8%
Pulp and Paper Mills	28.8	28.8	29.4	0.0%	-2.0%
Printing, Publishing and Allied Products	43.8	43.6	40.4	0.5%	8.4%
Chemicals and Allied Products	10.2	10.2	10.1	0.0%	1.0%
Rubber and Misc. Plastics Products	25.2	25.2	24.5	0.0%	2.9%
Miscellaneous Plastics Products	21.1	21.0	20.4	0.5%	3.4%
Leather and Leather Products	7.0	7.1	6.5	-1.4%	7.7%

WISCONSIN EARNINGS AND HOURS DATA

EARNINGS AND HOURS Unadjusted MARCH	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours		
	Latest Mo.	Mo. Ago	Yr. Ago	Latest Mo.	Mo. Ago	Yr. Ago
All Manufacturing (Incl. Canning)	\$441.56	\$444.29	\$435.90	41.5	41.6	41.2
All Manufacturing (Excl. Canning)	442.39	446.61	437.54	41.5	41.7	41.2
Durable Goods	452.58	456.18	447.02	42.1	42.2	41.7
Lumber and Wood Products (Excl. Furniture)	315.20	319.56	317.21	39.4	39.5	39.9
Furniture and Fixtures	349.21	351.11	341.42	42.9	42.1	43.0
Stone, Clay, and Glass Products	433.80	432.17	412.21	45.0	44.6	45.1
Primary Metal Industries	453.46	460.72	443.83	44.5	44.6	43.3
Iron and Steel Foundries	456.54	467.45	447.75	45.7	46.1	44.2
Fabricated Metal Products	424.76	428.87	419.40	41.4	41.8	40.6
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	430.57	426.85	425.09	42.6	43.2	43.2
Metal Stampings	459.09	466.58	451.09	41.1	41.4	39.5
Machinery (Excl. Electrical)	507.79	507.79	510.19	43.7	43.7	43.2
Engines and Turbines	554.27	555.10	603.44	42.9	42.7	44.6
Farm Machinery and Equipment	541.79	559.51	532.86	44.3	45.6	41.5
Constr., Mining, Material Handling Machinery	495.92	515.95	470.85	44.2	45.7	43.0
Metalworking Machinery and Equipment	559.83	542.78	538.90	45.7	44.6	44.1
Special Ind. Mach., Excl. Metalworking	518.87	519.30	485.30	44.5	45.0	41.8
Gen. Industrial Mach. and Equip.	466.46	473.05	492.47	41.5	41.9	42.2
Electrical Machinery, Equip. and Supplies	413.43	406.13	412.90	40.1	39.7	40.8
Electrical Industrial Apparatus	427.33	428.53	435.90	39.9	39.9	40.7
Transportation Equipment	599.34	623.60	564.42	42.0	42.8	40.9
Instrument and Related Products	363.12	368.81	347.31	40.8	41.3	39.2
Nondurable Goods	422.58	424.27	417.91	40.4	40.6	40.3
Food and Kindred Products	395.02	397.01	385.34	39.7	39.9	39.2
Meat Products	355.71	366.46	346.87	39.7	40.9	38.8
Dairy Products	399.37	396.21	390.57	40.3	39.9	40.1
Textile Mill Products	290.50	302.60	322.73	40.8	45.3	40.8
Apparel and Other Finished Products	249.17	246.73	238.14	38.1	37.9	37.8
Paper and Allied Products	573.16	579.71	548.68	44.5	44.8	44.0
Pulp and Paper Mills	623.35	629.29	598.00	45.6	45.8	45.2
Printing, Publishing and Allied Products	421.09	422.60	420.37	37.8	37.8	37.6
Chemicals and Allied Products	400.23	392.94	466.28	37.3	37.0	41.3
Rubber and Misc. Plastics Products	334.67	328.94	329.15	39.7	39.3	39.8
Leather and Leather Products	253.72	263.60	262.65	38.5	40.0	37.9

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AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS Unadjusted MARCH	Including Overtime			Excluding Overtime		
	Latest Mo.	Mo. Ago	Yr. Ago	Latest Mo.	Mo. Ago	Yr. Ago
All Manufacturing (Incl. Canning)	\$10.64	\$10.68	\$10.58	\$10.12	\$10.12	\$10.14
All Manufacturing (Excl. Canning)	10.66	10.71	10.62	10.15	10.15	10.18
Durable Goods	10.75	10.81	10.72	10.26	10.27	10.32
Lumber and Wood Products (Excl. Furniture)	8.00	8.09	7.95	7.86	7.95	N.A.
Furniture and Fixtures	8.14	8.34	7.94	7.91	7.94	7.64
Stone, Clay, and Glass Products	9.64	9.69	9.14	9.17	9.22	8.83
Primary Metal Industries	10.19	10.33	10.25	9.57	9.68	9.78
Iron and Steel Foundries	9.99	10.14	10.13	9.37	9.47	9.67
Fabricated Metal Products	10.26	10.26	10.33	9.81	9.78	9.98
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	10.06	10.02	9.84	9.53	9.43	9.41
Metal Stampings	11.17	11.27	11.42	10.74	10.81	11.06
Machinery (Excl. Electrical)	11.62	11.62	11.81	11.01	11.00	11.21
Engines and Turbines	12.92	13.00	13.53	12.22	12.27	12.51
Farm Machinery and Equipment	12.23	12.27	12.84	11.64	11.60	12.38
Constr., Mining, Material Handling Machinery	11.22	11.29	10.95	10.79	10.69	10.51
Metalworking Machinery and Equipment	12.25	12.17	12.22	11.50	11.52	11.73
Special Ind. Mach., Excl. Metalworking	11.66	11.54	11.61	11.00	10.88	11.13
Gen. Industrial Mach. and Equip.	11.24	11.29	11.67	10.65	10.67	11.29
Electrical Machinery, Equip. and Supplies	10.31	10.23	10.12	9.94	9.87	9.80
Electrical Industrial Apparatus	10.71	10.74	10.71	10.47	10.47	10.61
Transportation Equipment	14.27	14.57	13.80	13.57	13.68	13.38
Instrument and Related Products	8.90	8.93	8.86	8.66	8.66	8.72
Nondurable Goods	10.46	10.45	10.37	9.89	9.87	9.85
Food and Kindred Products	9.95	9.95	9.83	9.54	9.52	9.36
Meat Products	8.96	8.96	8.94	8.69	8.65	8.61
Dairy Products	9.91	9.93	9.74	9.41	9.44	9.29
Textile Mill Products	7.12	6.68	7.91	6.86	6.43	7.63
Apparel and Other Finished Products	6.54	6.51	6.30	6.45	6.45	6.20
Paper and Allied Products	12.88	12.94	12.47	12.05	12.07	11.79
Pulp and Paper Mills	13.67	13.74	13.23	12.71	12.75	12.46
Printing, Publishing and Allied Products	11.14	11.18	11.18	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Chemicals and Allied Products	10.73	10.62	11.29	10.24	10.26	10.94
Rubber and Misc. Plastics Products	8.43	8.37	8.27	8.16	8.09	7.98
Leather and Leather Products	6.59	6.59	6.93	6.44	6.38	6.72

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SUMMARY OF RECENT WISCONSIN DATA

EARNINGS AND HOURS, MFG. Production Workers (Unadjusted)	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS					
							INCL. OVERTIME			EXCL. OVERTIME		
	Latest Month	Month Ago	Year Ago	Latest Month	Month Ago	Year Ago	Latest Month	Month Ago	Year Ago	Latest Month	Month Ago	Year Ago
MARCH												
United States	\$412.27	\$409.44	\$402.87	40.9	40.7	40.9	\$10.08	\$10.06	\$9.85	.....	.....	.....
Wisconsin	441.56	444.29	435.90	41.5	41.6	41.2	10.64	10.68	10.58	10.12	10.12	10.12
Appleton-Oshkosh (Calumet- Winnebago-Outagamie)	483.66	481.17	456.65	43.3	43.0	42.4	11.17	11.19	10.77	10.57	10.60	10.60
Beloit (City)	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA
Eau Claire (Eau Claire- Chippewa)	429.95	432.23	427.73	39.7	39.8	40.2	10.83	10.86	10.64	10.47	10.49	10.49
Fond du Lac (County)	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA
Green Bay (Brown County)	474.62	479.76	460.63	41.2	41.9	40.8	11.52	11.45	11.29	10.67	10.53	10.53
Janesville (City)	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA
Janesville-Beloit (Rock Co.)	477.56	489.14	481.73	39.5	41.7	38.6	12.09	11.73	12.48	11.56	11.31	11.31
Kenosha (County)	534.98	567.57	489.24	41.6	42.9	40.5	12.86	13.23	12.08	12.25	12.14	12.14
La Crosse (County)	354.35	351.98	363.80	38.6	38.3	39.5	9.18	9.19	9.21	8.86	8.91	8.91
Madison (Dane County)	418.61	408.44	400.18	40.8	40.4	40.3	10.26	10.11	9.93	9.79	9.75	9.75
Manitowoc (County)	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA
Milwaukee (Milwaukee-Ozaukee- Washington-Waukesha)	481.64	480.24	489.22	41.7	41.4	41.6	11.55	11.60	11.76	10.93	10.95	10.95
Racine (County)	451.25	451.13	441.90	40.8	40.9	40.1	11.06	11.03	11.02	10.65	10.59	10.59
Sheboygan (County)	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA
Wausau (Marathon County)	414.24	427.01	409.34	41.3	41.7	41.6	10.03	10.24	9.84	9.60	9.69	9.69

INA - Information Not Available due to budget reductions

MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT Unadjusted MARCH	(In Thousands)			% CHANGE	
	Latest Mo.	Mo. Ago	Yr. Ago	Mo/Ago	Yr/Ago
United States	19319.0	19287.0	18897.0	0.2%	2.2%
Wisconsin	534.9	533.3	512.0	0.3%	4.5%
Appleton-Oshkosh (Calumet-Winnebag- Outagamie)	51.4	50.8	48.7	1.2%	5.5%
Beloit (City)	INA	INA	INA		
Eau Claire (Eau Claire-Chippewa)	10.3	10.1	10.1	2.0%	2.0%
Fond du Lac (County)	INA	INA	INA		
Green Bay (Brown County)	24.3	24.5	23.8	-0.8%	2.1%
Janesville (City)	INA	INA	INA		
Janesville-Beloit (Rock County)	17.8	17.7	16.9	0.6%	5.3%
Kenosha (County)	14.6	15.1	12.4	-3.3%	17.7%
La Crosse (County)	11.0	11.0	10.6	0.0%	3.8%
Madison (Dane County)	23.0	22.5	21.7	2.2%	6.0%
Manitowoc (County)	INA	INA	INA		
Milwaukee (Milwaukee-Ozaukee- Washington-Waukesha)	172.8	172.6	168.0	0.1%	2.9%
Racine (County)	24.6	24.8	24.4	-0.8%	0.8%
Sheboygan (County)	INA	INA	INA		
Wausau (Marathon County)	13.0	12.7	11.8	2.4%	10.2%

THE CURRENT POPULATION SURVEY: A LABOR PROFILE

No source of data quite matches the Current Population Survey (CPS) in providing a variety of labor market information. Once each year, the CPS details the labor situation of each state using an average of twelve monthly surveys. The newest annual data from the CPS, 1987, show that Wisconsin's labor market improved during the year...improved greatly in employment and labor force growth, but improved only moderately in other areas.

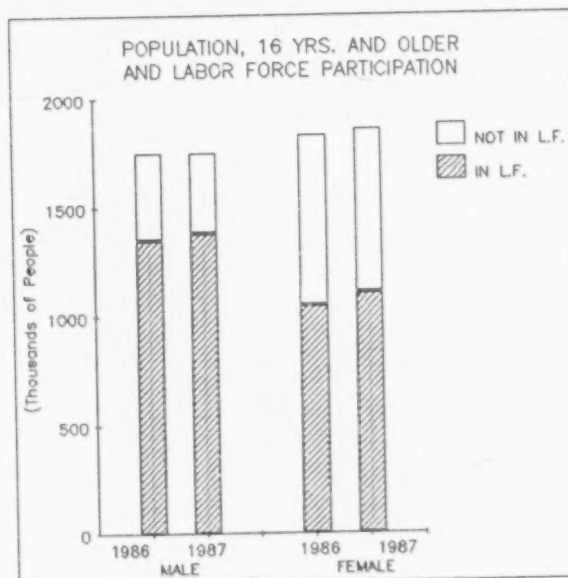
Employment increased by 109 thousand, throughout the state, but unemployment decreased by a relatively small amount, only 17 thousand. While employment climbed from 2,230,000 to 2,339,000 between 1986 and 1987, unemployment persisted, inching down from 169 thousand to 152 thousand.



Most employment growth resulted because the labor force grew by 92 thousand. The state's civilian labor force now numbers 2,491,000; and women compose about forty-four percent of that. But, the population which is labor force age increased only 30 thousand. The civilian noninstitutional population which is labor force age--16 years old and over--amounts to 3.615

million.

What happened is that a large number of prime working-age adults who were not in the labor force the year before found employment in 1987.



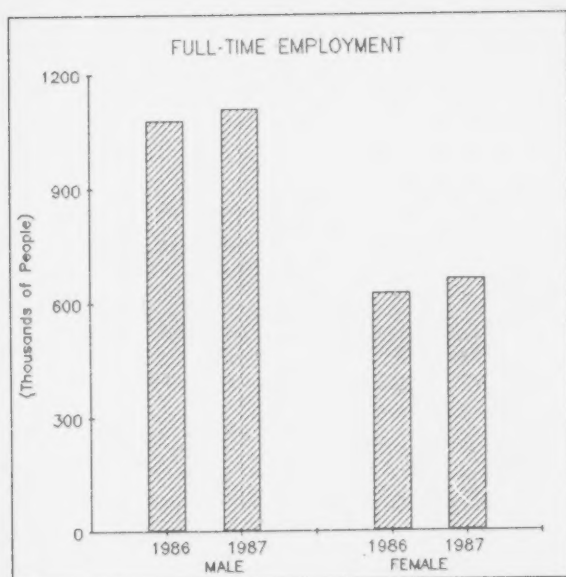
About two-thirds of the employment growth was full-time employment growth.

Full-time employment among men increased by 31 thousand.

Full-time employment among women increased by 37 thousand.

Part-time employment among men increased by 14 thousand. Of that, only four thousand were voluntary part time. The remainder worked part time because they could find only part-time jobs or because economic conditions forced a cut back in hours worked at many establishments.

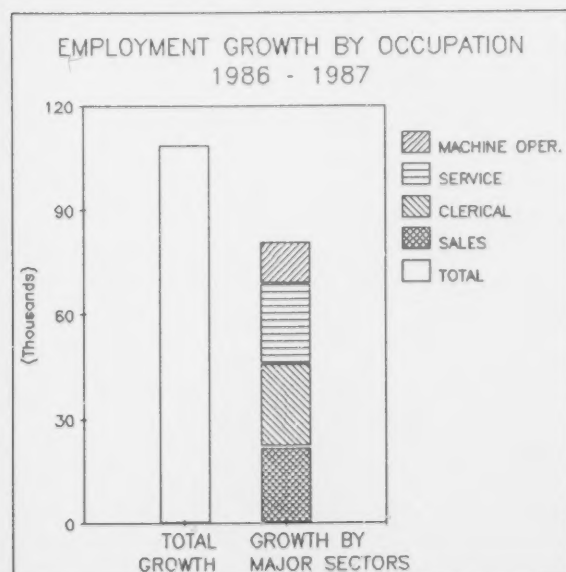
Part-time employment among women increased by 29 thousand. All of the part-time employment growth among women, in the aggregate, was voluntary. In fact, the number of women employed part time for economic reasons decreased by a thousand.



Nearly eighty percent of the employment growth in 1987 came in just four of the eleven major occupational categories.

The major growth for the year occurred in sales occupations, in administrative support--including clerical, in service occupations, and in machine operators, assemblers and inspectors.

While employment growth in the previous production, crafts and repair category increased by only one thousand, unemployment in those occupations decreased by eight thousand.



The bulk of employment growth occurred in four major industrial categories.

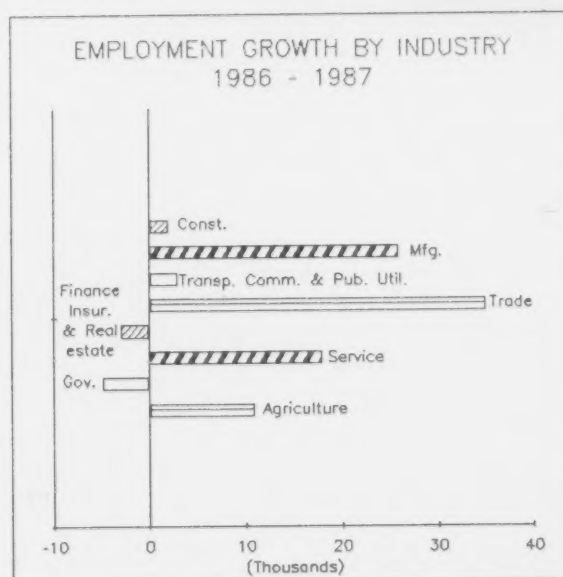
Wholesale and retail trade added 35 thousand jobs to employment growth in 1987.

Manufacturing, a high-wage industry, rebounded strongly in 1987, adding 26 thousand jobs.

The service sector, which normally outpaces manufacturing in employment growth, added 18 thousand to employment.

The trade and service industries, comparatively low-wage industries, contributed nearly fifty percent of employment growth for the year.

Agricultural employment grew by 11 thousand. Agricultural employment is predominantly self-employment.

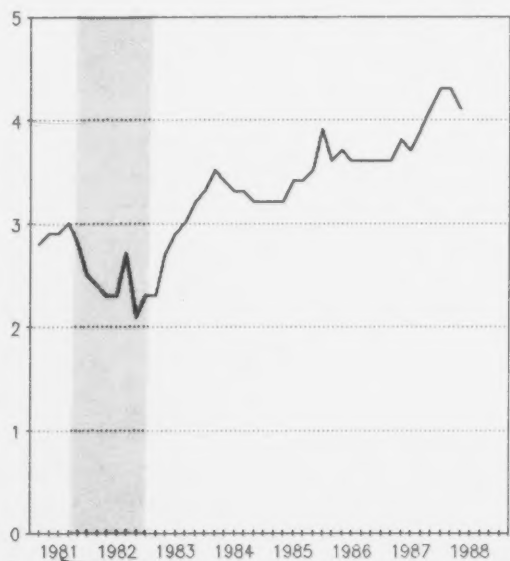
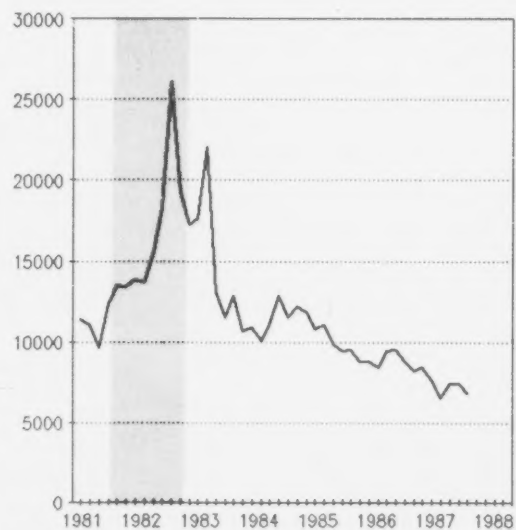


WISCONSIN ECONOMIC INDICATORS

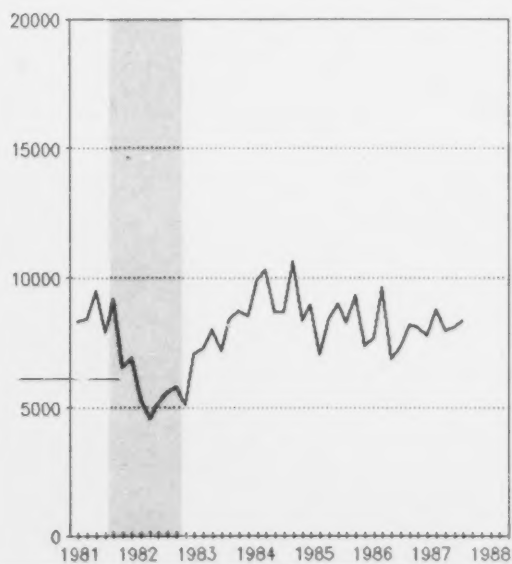
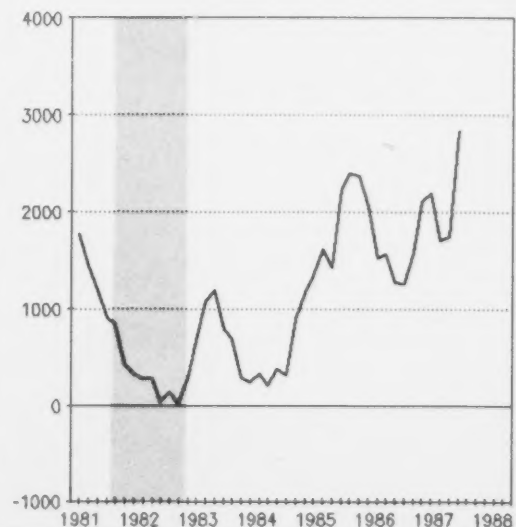
WISCONSIN 1987	Civilian noninstit.	Civilian labor force		Employment		Unemployment	
(No.'s in thous.)	population	Number	Percent of population	Number	Percent of population	Number	Rate
	16 yrs. & over						
Total	3615	2491	68.9	2339	64.7	152	6.1
Men	1752	1384	79.0	1294	73.9	90	6.5
Women	1863	1107	59.4	1045	56.1	62	5.6
Both sexes, 16-19 yrs.	280	191	68.3	167	59.6	24	12.7
Men							
16 to 19 yrs.	146	98	67.2	84	58.0	13	13.7
20 to 24 yrs.	180	157	87.4	141	78.1	17	10.6
25 to 34 yrs.	423	405	95.6	380	89.8	25	6.1
35 to 44 yrs.	328	314	95.7	297	90.5	17	5.4
45 to 54 yrs.	224	213	95.2	201	89.9	12	5.6
55 to 64 yrs.	219	158	72.2	152	69.6	6	3.6
65 yrs. & over	233	40	17.0	39	16.9		0.4
Women							
16 to 19 yrs.	134	93	69.4	82	61.4	11	11.6
20 to 24 yrs.	187	143	76.7	132	70.7	11	7.8
25 to 34 yrs.	409	314	76.8	299	73.1	15	4.7
35 to 44 yrs.	320	251	78.6	238	74.5	13	5.2
45 to 54 yrs.	231	173	74.7	164	71.1	8	4.9
55 to 64 yrs.	230	103	44.9	100	43.4	4	3.4
65 yrs. & over	351	29	8.2	28	8.1		1.3
White							
16 to 19 yrs.	259	181	69.9	161	62.3	20	10.9
20 to 24 yrs.	341	284	83.1	262	76.6	22	7.8
25 to 34 yrs.	778	686	88.2	654	84.1	33	4.7
35 to 44 yrs.	612	538	87.9	512	83.7	26	4.8
45 to 54 yrs.	428	366	85.6	346	81.0	20	5.4
55 to 64 yrs.	433	258	59.6	249	57.4	9	3.6
65 yrs. & over	574	67	11.7	67	11.6	1	0.8
Black							
16 to 19 yrs.	14	8	55.1	3	23.1	4	58.0
20 to 24 yrs.	22	15	66.8	9	42.5	5	36.4
25 to 34 yrs.	40	24	61.0	18	46.2	6	24.3
35 to 44 yrs.	29	24	82.0	21	71.9	3	12.3
45 to 54 yrs.	19	15	79.9	15	76.5	1	4.1
55 to 64 yrs.	11	3	25.1	3	25.1		
65 yrs. & over	7	1	9.5	1	9.5		
Hispanic origin							
16 to 19 yrs.	2	1	46.2	1	41.6		9.8
20 to 24 yrs.	7	3	48.5	3	41.7		13.9
25 to 34 yrs.	11	9	84.3	8	79.1	1	6.3
35 to 44 yrs.	4	4	98.7	4	93.7		5.1
45 to 54 yrs.	4	3	74.7	1	38.2	1	48.9
55 to 64 yrs.							
65 yrs. & over	1						

CYCLICAL INDICATORS

AVG. WEEKLY OVERTIME HOURS, MFG.

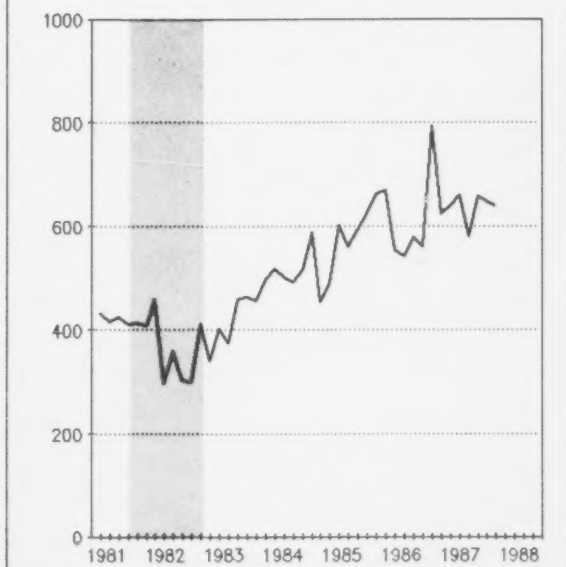
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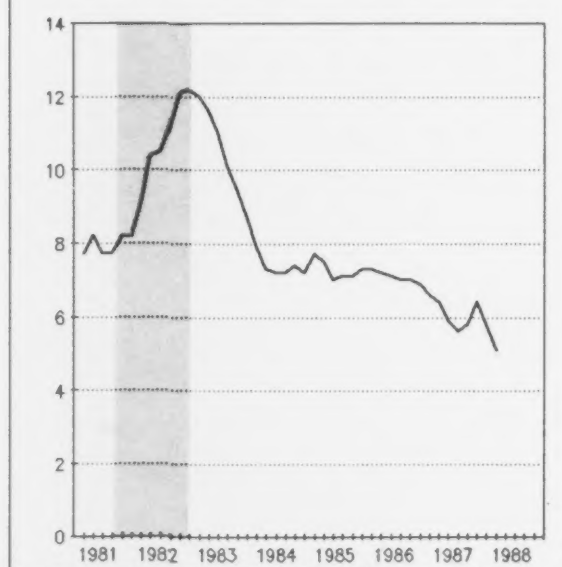
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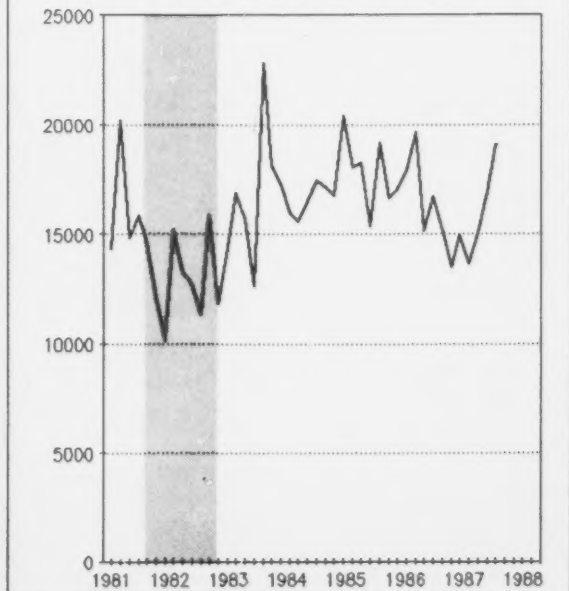
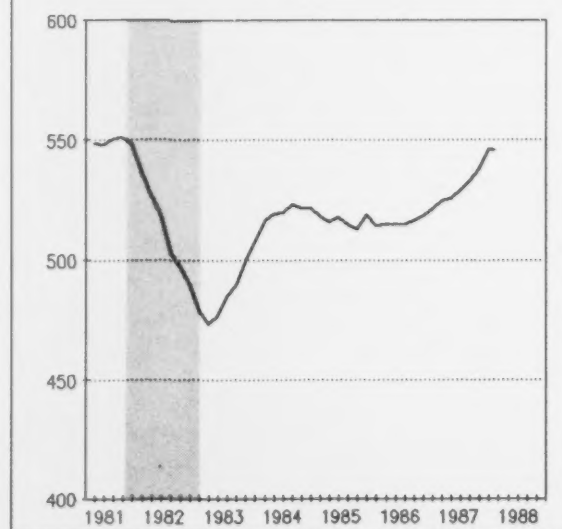
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